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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER INFORMS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF DESPATCH  
OF SENEGALESE BATTALION TO ZAIRE

1. IN FRONT OF FULL HOUSE JUNE 7, SENEGALESE PRIME

MINISTER ABDOU DIOUF ANNOUNCED TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY THAT

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GOS HAD TAKEN DECISION TO SEND CONTINGENT TO ZAIRE TO HELP  
THAT COUNTRY DEFEND ITS INDEPENDENCE. HE DESCRIBED ZAIRE  
AS HAVING BEEN A VICTIM FOR THE SECOND TIME OF EXTERNAL  
AGGRESSION PERPETRATED BY INVADERS IN THE PAY OF POWERS  
OUTSIDE AFRICA. HE SAID INVADERS WERE "RECRUITED,  
EQUIPPED, ARMED IN ANGOLA, TRAINED AND ORGANIZED BY  
CUBA" AND THAT "EXTERNAL AGGRESSION WAS MANIFEST AND

UNDENIABLE."

2. IN SENDING CONTINGENT OF SENEGALESE TROOPS, PRIME MINISTER SAID GOS WAS RESPONDING TO APPEAL FROM ACTING PRESIDENT OF OAU, GABONESE PRESIDENT OMAR BONGO AND PRESIDENT MOBUTU, HEAD OF STATE OF ZAIRE. PURPOSE OF SENDING A SENEGALESE BATTALION WAS TO HELP ZAIRE TO REPULSE AGGRESSORS, DEFEND ITS INDEPENDENCE AND MAINTAIN ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. PRIME MINISTER MAIN-

TAINED SENEGALESE ACTION WAS ENTIRELY IN ACCORD WITH OAU CHARTER.

3. PRIME MINISTER ADDED THAT THE FIRST DETACHMENT OF SENEGALESE BATTALION WAS READY TO DEPART. BECAUSE OF URGENCY OF SITUATION AND SINCE THIS WAS NOT A QUESTION OF AN ACT OF WAR, GOS HAS NOT CONSULTED ASSEMBLY BEFORE TAKING ITS DECISION.

4. THROUGHOUT HIS STATEMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY, PRIME MINISTER ABDOU DIOUF REPEATEDLY RETURNED TO THE THEME "AFRICA FOR THE AFRICANS", AS THE UNDERLYING POLITICAL BASIS FOR SENEGAL'S ACTION. HE SAID THAT AFRICANS THEMSELVES HAD TO ASSUME THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CREATING A VIABLE COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM LINKED TO THE OAU. SENEGALESE HAD THE DUTY TO HELP AFRICAN STATES WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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WERE VICTIMS OF AGGRESSION UNTIL THOSE STATES WERE ABLE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES ALONE. HE STIPULATED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS DID NOT MEAN REWARDING REGIMES WHICH WERE UNPOPULAR OR MORIBUND.

5. DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTY OPPOSITION LEADER ABDOULAYE WADE WARNED THAT SENEGALESE DECISION WOULD LEAD GOS TO SEND TROOPS TOMORROW TO CHAD AND WESTERN SAHARA. HE ASKED WHAT PRIME MINISTER WOULD DO IN CASE WAR WAS DECLARED BETWEEN ANGOLA AND ZAIRE. IN THAT CASE WOULD SENEGALESE BE REGULAR SOLDIERS OR MERCENARIES? PRIME MINISTER DIOUF RESPONDED THAT GOS DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN BY A MAJORITY AND THAT PAST EVENTS AND EVENTS OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS WOULD PROVE THE CORRECTNESS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S VISION IN THESE MATTERS.

6. VOTE ON RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY GOVERNMENT PARTY PS IN FAVOR OF SENDING SENEGALESE CONTINGENT TO ZAIRE WAS STRICTLY ALONG PARTY LINES, WITH PS VOTING FOR, AND PDS ABSTAINING. (ALIGNMENT IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IS 82 PS, 18 PDS.) GALANTO

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